

**MEASURE “O”
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**

Approval of Measure “O” will protect private property rights by prohibiting the County of San Bernardino from using eminent domain powers to seize property from a private owner for the purpose of giving it to another private party.

This issue has been a nationwide subject of concern since last year when the United States Supreme Court ruled that local governments could seize land to be used for *private* development.

Examples of such confiscations include situations when large developers ask local governments to acquire land on their behalf so that the land can be used for the construction of large shopping centers or other commercial developments.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association agree: The power of eminent domain must be limited and must *only* be used in cases of a demonstrated public necessity such as highway or flood control channel.

This measure would prohibit the County from using eminent domain to acquire property from a private owner, without his or her consent, for the purpose of giving the property to another private party. It would also ensure that this protection of property rights is embodied in the Charter of the County and not subject to change by any future Boards of Supervisors.

This measure is also intended to be an example for cities and other counties to follow in demonstrating their commitment to the principle that we all share equally in the right to own and enjoy our property.

We believe homeowners and business owners in San Bernardino County deserve a guarantee that their property rights will be respected. This measure would provide that guarantee.

Please join us in supporting Measure “O” to protect your property rights.

s/Bill Postmus, Chairman
San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

s/Jon Coupal, President
Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn.

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “O” WAS FILED.